Resources Development Plan in its report has projected the estimates of total annual water requirements for various scenarios. The estimated water requirements for the year 2010 for high population projection is 710 billion cubic metre (BCM) and the estimated water requirements for the year 2025 for high population projection is 843 B.C.M.

(c) Does not arise.

Creation of Brahmaputra River Valley Authority

1628. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that World Bank has agreed with the suggestions of Prime Minister for creation of an Autonomous Brahmaputra River Valley Authority on the lines of Tennessee Valley Authority;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) what steps are being taken in pursuance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister in his address during' visit to Assam stated that the Government will consider establishing the Brahmaputra Valley Authority or the North East Water Resources Authority. Accordingly Ministry of Water Resources formulated a proposal for constitution of North East Water Resources Authority for establishment of an autonomous self contained entity. World Bank was not involved regarding this proposal. However, in the study on "Natural Resources, Water and Environment Nexus for Development and Growth in North East India" by Ministry of DONER in association with the World Bank, the findings of the study support the plans outlined by India's prime minister to develop a new river basin management institution that would work across the entire Northeast and to which decision making powers would be developed, with active participation by the states.